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SUBJECT: GOM ERADICATION & ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, JULY
24-30, 1978, AND FIELD OPERATIONS THROUGH AUGUST 4, 1978.

1. ERADICATION JULY 24-30, 1978

ZONES 5-9 3-4 1-2

A. POPPY FIELDS	25	0	38	63	(15,573)
B. HECTARES	1.2	0	.3	1.5	(1,261)
C. MARIHUANA FIELDS	48	0	108	156	(4,153)
D. HECTARES	4.8	0	2.9	7.7	(563)
E. MIXED FIELDS	0	0	0	0	(113)
F. HECTARES	0	0	0	0	(18)

ENFORCEMENT, JULY 24-30, 1978

TOTAL THIS REPORTING PERIOD CUMULATIVE

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A. KG HEROIN	2.148	81.46
B. KG. OPIUM	.500	298.34
C. KG. OPIUM SEED	2.050	97.69
D. HEROIN LABS	0	14
E. HASHISH/MARIHUANA LABS	0	2
F. DANGEROUS DRUG LABS	0	3

G. KG. COCAINE	.500	47.26
H. KG. MARIHUANA	4,705.186	416,740.3
I. KG. MARIHUANA SEED	10	1,788.73
J. KG. HASHISH	0	63.875
K. LITERS, HASHISH OIL	0	.250
L. KG. PEYOTE	0	11.850
M. D.U. DANGEROUS DRUGS	3,900	20,845,566
N. DANGEROUS DRUGS TABLET		
MAKING MACHINES	0	3
O. ARRESTS, MEXICANS	64	2,930
P. ARRESTS, U.S.	3	101
Q. ARRESTS, OTHERS	0	31
R. VEHICLES	8	455
S. WEAPONS	2	937
T. AMMUNITION	70	38,675
U. PESOS	0	\$3,214,288
V. DOLLARS	0	74,642
W. AIRCRAFT	0	30
X. VESSELS	1	2

2. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR THE 30TH WEEK OF 1978 COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977 FOR ZONES I AND II SHOW THAT 217 FIELDS COVERING APPROXIMATELY 4.8 HECTARES WERE DESTROYED IN 1977 AND ONLY 38 FIELDS COVERING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 1.5 HECTARES WERE DESTROYED IN 1978. THE ONLY AREAS REPORTING POPPY DESTRUCTION ARE ZONES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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I AND II IN 1977 AND 1978 FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

3. FIELD OPERATIONS: U.S. TEAM MEMBERS TO VERIFICATION OPERATION DEPARTED FOR CULIACAN TO JOIN WITH GOM MEMBERS FOR FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. THE FIVE TEAMS IN FOUR 206 HELICOPTERS AND ONE 212 WILL BEGIN ACTUAL OPERATIONS AS SCHEDULED ON AUGUST 5TH IN CHIHUAHUA.

4. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

A) AVIATION MAINTENANCE: CONSTRUCTION TO ENLARGE AG HANGER IN MEXICO CITY WAS INITIATED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. THE ADDITIONAL SPACE WILL PROVIDE FOR MORE OFFICE SPACE, SPECIAL ROOMS FOR PAINTING, WELDING AND MOTOR OVERHAULS. THE HELICOPTER WHICH SUFFERED TAIL ROTOR FAILURE, AS REPORTED LAST WEEK, HAS SINCE BEEN RECOVERED AND TRANSFERRED TO CULIACAN. IN TRANSPORTING, FURTHER DAMAGES RESULTED TO SUCH EXTENT THAT REPAIRS MAY HAVE TO BE MADE IN U.S. A TOTAL OF TWO AND POSSIBLY THREE MORE MECHANICS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RESIGN, DUE TO AG REVIEW OF QUESTIONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES OVER DISPOSITION OF SEIZED EQUIPMENT AND PARTS.

B) AVIATION OPERATIONS: THE FLIGHT FOLLOWING SYSTEM HAS BEEN INITIATED AND ACCORDING TO U.S. ADVISOR CARSON IS WORKING BETTER THAN EXPECTED. THERE WILL BE NEVERTHELESS MANY PROBLEMS YET TO BE IRONED OUT AND IN NEAR FUTURE AIR-TO-GROUND COMMUNICATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE STRENGTHENED. NINE EXPERIENCED PILOTS WERE ASKED TO RESIGN AS RESULT OF SAME AG INQUIRY NOTED ABOVE PARAGRAPH 4(A). EFFORTS NOW IN PROGRESS TO INITIATE FLIGHT TRAINING IN LIGHT OF ABOVE RESIGNATIONS. THE PILOT TRANSITION TRAINING WILL QUALIFY EXISTING PILOTS TO HANDLE AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO

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MEET CURRENT NARCOTICS ERADICATION CAMPAIGNS.

C) TELECOMMUNICATIONS: PIO/C AMOUNTING TO \$200,000 FORWARDED TO S/NM FOR PURCHASE OF THREE CONTROL CONSOLES AND ASSOCIATED BASE STATION EQUIPMENT. IDENTIFICATION/ EMERGENCY, SELECTIVE CALL AND VOICE PRIVACY FEATURES WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE MEXICO CITY SYSTEM. SAME FEATURES LESS IDENTIFICATION/EMERGENCY WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO CULIACAN SYSTEM. AG HAS APPROVED PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY U.S. DOLLARS 1500 MISCELLANEOUS TELECOM MATERIALS UNDER FIELD SUPPORT FUNDS TO ERECT TOWER FOR ONI LORAN-C TEST. U.S. ADVISOR CARPENTER EXPECTS TO BE IN CULIACAN AUGUST 15TH TO SUPERVISE ERECTION OF TOWER.

D) NASA REMOTE SENSING: NASA REPRESENTATIVE DONALD OLSON ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY FOR TWO-DAY TDY TO LOOK INTO HOUSING FOR UP TO 14-17 NASA TECHNICIANS DURING MONTHS NOVEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY. OLSON REPORTED AND LATER CON-
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FIRMED BY NASA THAT MOONEYHAN AND OTHERS WILL ARRIVE MEXICO CITY APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 14TH TO EXAMINE DETENAL FACILITIES TO HOUSE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT. VDMCANINCH, PJLUCEY

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